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5. [] Talked to Bill Ashworth, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, and told him the Committee would need to look to the Joint Chiefs or the Department of Defense for the disposition of national forces located outside their own country borders. See Journal of 31 May 1973.

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6. [] In response to his earlier question, I called Bill Hogan, House Armed Services Committee staff, and told him that the two and a half page memo mentioned by Patrick Gray during his testimony before the Committee should be the memorandum of 6 July 1972 written by General Walters which is in the package given to the Committee.

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7. [] Received a call from [] OCI, who told me that a mutual friend had advised that Sam Adams will be appearing in open session before a Subcommittee of House Foreign Affairs Committee at 2:00 p.m., 6 June 1973.

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8. [] I met with Guy McConnell of the Senate Appropriations Committee Staff and gave him a "refresher" briefing on a covert action project last year involving the withdrawal from reserves. (See my Memo for the Record dated 5 June 73.)

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9. [] During the above meeting with Guy McConnell, I explained to him that Senator Stuart Symington was apparently determined to publish the transcript of several, and perhaps all, of our "Watergate" hearings before the Armed Services Committee in the very near future. I said we had made clear to the Senator we were not enthusiastic about this, but of course the decision was his and in any event so much had been leaking lately that it probably mattered little whether the detailed transcripts were published or not.

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10. [] I met with Senator Symington who gave me a draft copy of the Foreign Relations Committee report on the hearings regarding the ITT, the Agency and Chile. He asked for our comments as soon as convenient "on a plain piece of paper."

During the course of our conversation, Senator Symington said he thought the Agency was "pretty well out of the woods" so far as the Watergate matter was concerned but we could expect various legislative proposals designed to restrict our freedom of action and protect us from political pressures so as to ensure that we do not stray from the straight and narrow path in the future. He expressed a personal view that it would be best for the Agency, and the Administration, if we avoided all covert action and paramilitary operations and devoted our energy exclusively to intelligence collection and analysis.

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